

Your pathways after year 11

What makes this Pathway different?

Progression

Academic
A-Levels

- Level 3 – MUST have 5 “9” to “4” including Maths/English at GCSE
- 3/4 Subjects – similar or varied
- Theory learning / Classroom based
- Develops knowledge and academic skills
- Mostly exam with no more than 20% coursework (subject dependent)
- Exams taken at the end of the 2 years (A/S no longer a “halfway” qualification/ exam)
- Similar subjects to GCSE and a range of new subjects

University – almost
any degree
Or
Higher
Apprenticeships

Vocational
BTEC/NVQ/City & Guild

Level 3 Diploma
(Need 5 “9” to “4” at GCSE)

Level 2 Diploma
(Need 4-5 grade “3” at GCSE)

Foundation Learning Level 1
(Need 4-5 grade “2” at GCSE)

Foundation Learning - Entry
Level (No Quals needed)

- Practical learning
- Develops knowledge and work related skills
- Specific job / job related subjects
- Mostly coursework/ projects/ presentations
- Some subjects have a small exam element
- Classroom/ workshop/ workplace
- May include work experience

Level 3 University
– same/ similar
degree
Or
Higher or
Advanced
Apprenticeship/
employment

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Work Based Learning

Type of Pathway

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Apprenticeship

Higher - Level 4 – 6
Alternative to F.T.
university to gain a degree
Need A-Levels or BTEC L3

Advanced - NVQ Level 3
(Need NVQ 2 or Level 2
Diploma)

Intermediate NVQ Level 2
(Need 4-3 at GCSE "3" / "4"
or this ability.)

- 4 days a week in work/1 day a week in training OR a regular block release
- Training to do a **specific** job
- Learning in the workplace and also theory learning at training
- Includes Maths and English Functional Skills up to Level 2/ GCSE
- Paid minimum wage of £3.70 an hour
- Advertised at:
<https://www.rochdaleapprenticeships.org>
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Qualified
employment/
University –
Foundation
Degree

Study Programme Traineeships

- Training to prepare for an apprenticeship if you don't have the grades/ experience to go straight into one
- Functional Skills Maths and English up to Level 1/2 and GCSE
- Work experience placement
- Level 1 vocational qualification
- Personal and employability skills and qualifications
- May be eligible for bursary, paid travel expenses, weekly payment or bonuses

Foundation
Apprenticeship/
College